

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9, 14 and 15 remain in this application. Claims 10 -13 have been cancelled. Claims 16 and 17 as previously submitted have been renumbered as claims 18 and 19, and new claims 16 and 17 have been added.

Applicant has further amended the claims in this supplemental amendment in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions in order to better define the scope of the invention.

Claim 1

Claim 1 as previously amended recites the limitation that the positions of the lasers (light sources) are adjustable relative to the camera, via the means for horizontally shifting the camera and the lasers, depending on the scale of the surface to be recorded. Support for this amendment is found, for example, at page 11, line 16 to page 12, line 5; page 13, line 12 to page 15, line 7; and page 15, line 19 to page 20, line 7 of the specification as filed. With this amendment, Applicant understands that claim 1 is directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 2, 3, and 14-19

Claims 2, 3, and 14-19 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1 and include all of its recited limitations. For the reasons provided above for claim 1 as amended, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are now also patentably distinguishable from Kakiuchi in view of Chapman, and from Kakiuchi in view of Chapman and further in view of Ellenby.

Claim 4

Claims 4 has been amended to include a limitation corresponding to the limitation added to claim 1. Namely, claim 4 now recites the limitation that the positions of the lasers (light sources) are adjustable relative to the camera, via the means for horizontally shifting the camera and the lasers, depending on the scale of the surface to be recorded. Support for this amendment is found in the specification as filed as previously noted and referenced for claim 1. With this amendment, Applicant understands that claim 4 is now directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 5-7

Claims 5-7 depend from claim 4 as amended and include all of its limitations. In view of the above argument for claim 4, Applicant submits that claims 5-7 are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the above arguments, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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